distances to be travelled and to the numerous difficulties so peculiar to the Malnad, it was also essential that an efficient member of the Medical Staff should always be on duty at dispensaries for the preparation and supply of medicines.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao submitted that it was not necessary that the Medical Officer should be a European. To prescribe a race qualification would be making an invidious distinction. Mr. Atchyuta Rao, while he was in Chikmagalur, and the present Civil Surgeon were all earnestly attentive to the requirements of the European community. Mr. Anderson explained that he did not wish to call in question the abilities of individual officers. But serious cases had occurred and it was found that the highest Medical officer was not available. What Planters wanted was Medical officers of high skill.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration at a suitable opportunity.

Subject No. 32.

Second Class Magisterial powers and power to try cases under Act XIII of 1859 to the Tarikere Amildar.

Summary of discussion.—The Amildar of Tarikere should as a rule be invested with the powers of a Magistrate of the 2nd Class as well as to try cases falling under Act XIII of 1859 as it is very inconvenient to go to Chikmagalur (43 miles) to file these cases.

Dewan's reply.—Yes as far as possible.

Subject No. 33.

Extension of the Birur-Lingadahalli Road.

Summary of discussion.—The extension of Birur-Lingadahalli Road to Kathlekan is very desirable, as it would considerably increase the traffic and be a source of great convenience to the several important coffee estates in the neighbourhood, *viz.*, Tekankan, Sigekan, Dhupadakan, Kurkan Mattikan, Sampigehuttikan, Sampigekan, &c.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked that it was under contemplation to bring the present Bababuddan hill road down the valley to Hebbe and round by Kathlekan by the route proposed.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter for the Local Fund Board to consider. Some questions about it have come up before Government, and we shall look into the matter.

Subject No. 34.

A road from Tarikere to Hebbegudda.

Summary of discussion.—Hirekathur and other jungles having been reserved by Government, the raiyats and others feel it inconvenient to bring firewood and timber and to visit their coffee estates for want of proper roads. Therefore a road should be opened from Tarikere to Hebbegudda, *viâ* Sasuvehalli jungle, Holerayanahalla, Dhupadakan, Kurkanmatti, Sampigehatti and Sampigekan Estates.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter for the Local Fund Board to consider.